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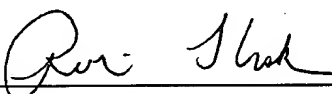
Further to Applicants' Reply submitted on March 30, 2000, and several telephonic inquiries, Applicants hereby submit an Extension of Time and Notice of Appeal to maintain pendency of this application along with this Status Inquiry.

It is assumed that the previous Response placed all claims in condition for allowance, pending a potential Declaration of Interference with U.S. Patent 5,538, 848, issued to Livak. However, if any issues remain outstanding, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

In view of the foregoing, please advise the undersigned of the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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